

PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Rick Warren tells the story something like this: he was in the process of baptizing a couple of hundred adults by full immersion. By the time he got through the first hundred he thought, "This congregation is fat!" He paused, and then thought, "I'm fat!" It was a pivotal moment for him. He asked

his congregation if anyone wanted to join him in getting healthy. A couple of thousand people responded. He consulted nationally known doctors for help and created *The Daniel Plan*: a book, small group study and other materials to help people become healthy.

Many of you have noticed that I have lost some weight. I have lost 45 pounds, but I'm not on a diet. I am trying to make healthy choices. The last couple of months have been hard with all of the pastoral care around 8 funerals. I tend to eat when I am over stressed. But since I'm not on a diet, I can't ruin my diet. Today is another day. I'll try to make healthy choices today. I expect as I continue to make healthy choices that I'll continue to lose weight, but it's not about being smaller. It's about feeling better. It's about being healthy.

65% of Americans are overweight. 60% do not get regular exercise. 50% of adults suffer from at least one chronic illness. Perhaps most striking are statistics that report overall well-being and life satisfaction. Only 20% of people feel they are thriving. 80% of Americans lack the vitality to truly enjoy their lives, and many report that they are living lives of quiet despair.

Americans are unhealthy and the statistics for our congregation are most likely not much different. But here's a question: what could the people of God do for world if we were healthy? What if we ate a diet rich in vegetables, exercised regularly, kept our stress managed and stayed connected to God? How much lost health could we regain? How much vitality could we regain? If we got healthy, if we gained vitality, what could we do with that life and energy?

I would like for you to join me in this experiment. Although Don Shaw's running group (for beginners) will begin in the middle of April, the rest of our Healthy You! health emphasis won't begin until the end of April. Let's get healthy together. Join one of the small groups that are forming, or start one of your own. It's not about numbers on a scale or tape measure. It's about feeling better. Ultimately it's about being the church.

What could the people of our church do for our community and the world if we were healthy?

I'll see you in church – let's find out!

*Love
Pastor
Isaiah*



April 2015

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April 12th Special Happenings

8:30 am Worship Service:

Platteville Chamber Choir

The Platteville Chamber Choir will be performing a set of music that will take the place of the sermon. You don't want to miss this beautiful, inspiring performance!

11:00 am Worship Service:

Camp Sunday!

Similar to how we did it last year, instead of a sermon we will have an extended children's message where we pretend we are going to camp. This will be a fun experience for children and adults, complete

And then be sure to stay or come back for our biennial Confirmation Luncheon. The Confirmation students will be hosting this delectable lasagna luncheon prepared by Deb Putnam. The Confirmation Luncheon is the students' last service requirement before they become full members of the Platteville United Methodist Church. Please come and enjoy!

Confirmation

Sunday, April 19th

11:00 am Worship Service

On Sunday April 19th we will celebrate with the 9 students who will be confirmed. Please join in worshiping with them at the 11:00 worship service as they publicly commit to following Jesus and become members of our congregation. Students becoming members are: Rachel Bailie, Lauren Becker, Allison Brehm, Adam Goninen, Jacob Krueger, Madison Loeffelholz, Spencer Olds, MacKenzie Timlin, and Tyler Vargo.

PSALM 23

Remix

The 23rd psalm is a metaphor for how God cares for us. The confirmation class changed the metaphor to make the Psalm more meaningful for them. Enjoy their writing!

The Lord is my basketball coach
 He teaches me everything
 He makes me focus
 He gives me confidence
 He tells me to do good
 Even though I walk in the gaze of a
 His epic skills and moves comfort me
 He tells me to be calm
 He makes me feel good
 Surely skills and form will follow me all
 the days of my life
 And he will be my mentor forever
 ~ Spencer Olds

Psalm 23 Remix

The lord is my swim coach
I will never worry about disappointing her
She makes us rest when in pain
She reassures me when I'm nervous
She restores my confidence
She helps me be the best athlete I can be
Even though I struggle through workouts she always encourages me & makes me laugh
She will always lend a shoulder & ear
She will always be there to make me a better athlete & person
She will always have faith in me
She gives me countless opportunities to better myself
She will love me even when I fail
I will forever be her athlete
~ Allison Brehm

The Lord is my coach
I shall not want
He makes me run
He leads me to the basket
He restores my shot
He leads me down the court for his name sake
Even though I walk through the other teams school, I will fear no evil for you are with me
Your shot and skills, they comfort me
You prepare a win in the presence of the enemies
You give us a win
My joy overflows
Surely victory and skills follow me all the days of my life
And I will play all the days of my life
~ Lauren Becker

The lord is my teacher
I shall not want
He makes me sit in desks for eight hours
He leads me to greatness
He restores my mind
He leads me to the homework turn in folder
Even though I daze off to a random blackhole
I fear no evil for you are with me
Your pen and your pencil, they comfort me
You prepare a group project with my enemies
You anoint my heal with knowledge
My brain overflows
Surely knowledge and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life
And I will dwell in the school of the Lord forever
~ Rachel Bailie

The Lord is my dance teacher
I shall not fall
She makes me lie down on the stage
She leads me beside other dancers
She restores my soul
She leads in the right path of my dances for my safety
Even though I dance with the song, the shadow of her, I will fear not one thing for you are with me
Your advice and your strength, they comfort me
You prepare the stage before me in the presence of my fear
You anoint my head with oil
My heart overflows
Surely goodness and mercy shall dance with me all the days of my life
And I will dance in the heart of my teacher forever
~ Maddy Loeffelholz

The Lord is my coach
I shall not lose
He teaches me proper running form
He helps me find my water bottle
He heals my shin splints
He leads me to the trails in Mound View Park
Even though the paths seem somewhat nonexistent
I will fear no branches I might trip over, for he knows what he is doing
Your kind words, they encourage me
You provide me with food after a meet
Your hand me a towel to wipe away my sweat
My water bottle overflows
Surely hard work will help to make me better all the days of my life
And I will run all the days of my life with you
~ MacKenzie Timlin

God is my cross country coach
I shall not fall
He makes me stretch after a hard practice
He trains me to make good habits
He treats my wounds
He takes me on good trails
Even if I start to tire, I know he'll help me push through
Your exercises and your go-get-em attitude relaxes me
You get me before a race in front of my enemies
You give me a pair of gloves
My hands are now warm
I will surely improve and perform better
And I will be in cross country for all my high school career
~ Jacob Krueger

Confirmation Luncheon

Sunday, April 12 at 12:15 pm

PUMC Fellowship Hall

PLATTE RIVER REGIONAL MINISTRY

The youth group is making a great headway towards raising money for their Mission Trip to Boulder, Colorado! Our group this year is: Hayden Adrian, Becca Craugh, Alec Ganarajah, Anapaula Munoz, Nate Reatiga, McKenzie Scanlan, Tia Stohlmeyer, Pastor Liz, Tony Wieseler, and Warner Smidt.

Upcoming Youth Group Events

April 12th – 6pm Bowling at Sunset in Dickeyville
 May 24th – Brat Sale (10am-1pm) Proceeds will go towards the Mission Trip
 May 24th – Climb the “M” (after Brat Sale clean up)

We have also been enjoying having a monthly fun activity! During the month of February we went to the Mississippi River Museum, and had a blast!

If any youth is interested in going Bowling, please let Pastor Liz know by Friday April 10th. We will meet at the church at 5:15pm to drive the van down to Sunset Bowling.

Thank you to everyone that came to the Fling into Spring potluck lunch and pie-in-the-face throwing. The food and fellowship were amazing. The Pie-In-The-Face Fundraiser was a huge success! Thank you to all that donated and the participants that got pies in the face.



Youthsters (4-5th grade youth group) had another magnificent night on Friday March 13th! We had ten kids and they all had a blast! Check out some of our pictures! Our next fun night will be April 10th from 6-8pm. Kids who bring a friend will get a special prize!



Pioneer Wesley Campus Ministry

Pioneer Wesley will be traveling to Wilmington, Delaware May 18-26th for our mission trip this year. We will be working with Urban Promise. During our trip we will not only have the chance to work with school children, but will also be able to help with some construction on a school. So far we have 6 people signed up to go!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY



Amy Pohle is our new Coffee Fellowship Ministry Team Leader. She will be organizing a ministry team that will provide coffee fellowship for the entire morning on Sundays. The team will split the morning into several smaller tasks: set up, clean up, overseeing the table throughout the morning, and providing snacks. If you are interested in serving on this team connect with her or leave your name with Pastor Brenda or Jennifer.

Someone asked: Why are we having coffee available all morning? It's not like people can take it in the sanctuary. *Answer: Actually, yes, people already take coffee into the sanctuary. Last year the Church Council approved encouraging people to bring coffee into the sanctuary; we just haven't done much of it yet. We have talked about getting a hand-held carpet cleaner to clean up after any mishaps. Why encourage coffee in the sanctuary? People who are unchurched, who God sends to us, most likely will be uncomfortable here. It's amazing the difference a cup of coffee in one's hand makes in the comfort level of that person. People need Jesus! We need to do whatever we can to help them find him!*

Healthy You is an all church health initiative that will focus on faith, food, fitness, focus (mental health) and friends. There will be small groups that will study Rick Warren's *The Daniel Plan*, as well as a beginner running group and a bicycling group, in addition to our ongoing small groups. Don Shaw's running group will be starting mid-April, and everything else will begin at the end of April or beginning of May. Watch for the Healthy You! brochure, coming soon, that will describe the groups you can join to become a healthier you.



Run for God Small Group

Wednesdays beginning April 15
Led by Don Shaw

Run for God is a Bible study that parallels faith and endurance. Its goal is to take those who have never run to being able to complete their first 5K, while relating the great sport of running to our walk with Christ. Together we will participate in the 5K run on the 4th of July. You may purchase a study guide (\$19) through the office if you want one, but you do not need one. Contact Don Shaw or the church office to sign up.

April 7- UMW General Meeting at 1:30 in the Wesley Room

April 16- Rebekah Fellowship Group at 9:00 in the Wesley Room

Check the Camping Book for suggestions for some great camps this summer. UMW will give \$50 to each child attending a Methodist sponsored camp, as a mission to help the youth and maintain the camps.

Scholarships are available from the UMW and the UMC conference. Please contact Jennifer for more information.

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Exciting Worship

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Contact your local church or call the United

Methodist Camping Office at 877-947-22677

or visit www.WIUMCamps.org



We are looking for a few people to help in the following areas:

Nurture Committee—help send get well, sympathy, birthday, graduation, confirmation, etc cards to our members. Please contact Alice Clifton if you would be interested. 608-348-9490

Newsletter Assembly—help once a month fold and label the monthly newsletter. Please contact Jennifer if you are interested in helping.

Elevator Update

The shaft for the elevator is complete! The elevator is being shipped and will take about 2 weeks to install once it gets here. Thank you to everyone who has made this project possible.

Pineapple Casserole

2 - 20oz cans crushed pineapple

2/3 cup sugar

5 tbsp. flour

1 cup cheddar cheese (shredded)

1 roll Ritz crackers (crushed)

Mix all together. Pour 1 stick of melted butter over top. Bake at 350 for 40 minutes.

Great with ham dinner and potlucks.

Barely Seniors Potluck and Program

Thursday, April 9 at Noon

Please bring a dish to pass.

The program will be Two Forensics Performers from Platteville High School. Cheryl Schober, teacher and Coach will bring students Melissa Wood and Robert Li

COMMUNITY GARDEN

It is time to think about gardening again. Last year we had 2 church families with their own plots plus the community portion. Are there others who would like to have their own family plot or help with the community plot this year? We share with shut ins, the food pantry, our church family and this year, Family Promise may be a recipient of our produce.

I would like to meet the first part of April with all of those interested in gardening this summer. We will need to discuss what went well and what we need to improve upon from last year. Also what we want to plant this year.

Please call Susan Schlager @ 348-9575 to let me know of your interest or ask any questions you may have.

Susan

CAP CLUB

The Cap Club met on Tuesday March 10th. Members present were Tom and Nancy Ziegenfuss, Jim and Carol Kirkpatrick, Dolores Hutchison and Judy Bossenbroek.

We all reported on members we are calling on and discussed finding new members that would like to have visits from the Cap Club.

If anyone knows of someone needing visits or help please contact Pastor Brenda or any of the Cap Club members.

Our next meeting will be May 12th and we encourage anyone wishing to help in this mission to join us.

Prayers and Easter Blessings to everyone.

Cap Club

MISSION'S

A huge thank you to everyone who donated food, household products, and money to help buy meat and fresh produce for our 14 adopted families' Easter baskets. Also thank you for the candy donated for the Easter egg hunt! Thanks to Tracy, Jennifer, and their crew of volunteers who helped make the Easter egg hunt a very fun event for the kids. Your kindness is much appreciated!

~ Missions' Committee

Office Hours

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday

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- 11 Norma Meisel
- 12 Cole Green
- 14 Dennis Cardin
- 14 Robert McCall
- 14 Nathan Fosbinder
- 14 Kia Gronski
- 16 Travis Hromadka
- 17 Karen Anderson-Carp
- 17 Alice Clifton
- 18 Scott Woodworth
- 19 Peg Meyer
- 21 John Putnam
- 21 Steve Chandler
- 21 Samantha Kuhls
- 22 Bryan Vargo
- 25 Dee Gray
- 25 Pete Mumm
- 27 Diane VanDeest
- 27 Helen Napp
- 27 Helen Cardin
- 27 Vanessa Woodworth
- 28 Cortney Fosbinder
- 29 Marlene Winkers
- 29 Jill Hasker
- 29 Skylar Stone
- 29 Sophia Stone
- 30 Jim Olds
- 30 Bonnie Simmons

Anniversaries

- 1 Mike & Nancy Mair
- 1 Scott & Cara Nodorft
- 3 Harlan & Donna Stephens
- 4 Wayne & Nancy Bottomley
- 10 Mike & Susan Myers
- 12 Robert & Kim McCall
- 21 Chad & Amy Pohle
- 23 Wayne & Cathy Simmons



just thought
YOU should
KNOW

Our sincere condolences go out to the families of Rosemary Anderson, who passed away on March 15, Warren Noble, brother of Eleanor Noble, who passed away on March 16, Merlyn Kuehl, bother-in-law of Joan Kuehl, who passed away on March 18, and Robert (Bob) Rice, son of Sheena Rice, who passed away on March 20.

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, prayers, prayer shawl, which I love and use every day, and support after my knee surgery. ~ Jane Rupp

Thank you very much for the use of your church providing us with a place to sleep before our mission trip. God Bless, Volunteers in Mission

Thank you from Adopted Families

We are so thankful for all of the wonderful food and gifts you and your church provided to our family this holiday season. Your generosity has truly touched our hearts. During this difficult time in our lives, it was so comforting to know that we would have food and gifts for the children to open. Thank you so much!

Sorry for being so late with this. Thank you for thinking of our family at the holidays. We hope yours was as good as ours was. Thank you to all!

If you, a family member or church friend is in the hospital, please let the church know by calling 348-9508. Because of HIPAA laws we no longer know if someone is in the hospital unless you supply us with their proper name (not a middle or nickname) and what hospital they are in.

Easter Story: During the next few weeks our Sunday School lessons will be about the stories of Holy Week. Because we will have studied the stories of Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection of Christ, children will have this background knowledge, and would be able to relate to the special church services of Holy Week. I would encourage you to bring children to church on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, and the evening services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. There will be **NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday.**

Singing in Worship Services: Pastor Brenda has been singing with the younger children during our Sunday School time. They will be performing on Easter Sunday at the 11:00 service.

Coffee Fellowship/Bake Sales: The children are sponsoring the Coffee/Fellowship and a bake sale each month to raise money for this mission project. The 4th-5th grade class will host on April 12.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015



**Conquering Challenges with
God's Mighty Power**

Mark your calendar for July 27th-July 31st

Vacation Bible School is an excellent way for our congregation to reach out to the children of our community. Each year we average about 70 children, and Vacation Bible School has successfully brought several families from the community into our church family. I will be sending out volunteer postcards in early April! If you are interested in helping this year, please let me know! I would love to have your help! Also make sure to invite children from your neighborhood to attend. It will definitely be another amazing year of Vacation Bible School! ~ Pastor Liz



April Usher Schedule

8:30 a.m. Harlan Stephens, Jane Peoples,
Hank & Judy Bossenbroek
11:00 a.m. Sheena Rice & Lowell Shinn

April Readers Schedule

April 5 8:30 a.m. Ellen Carnahan
11:00 a.m. Dawn Drake
April 12 8:30 a.m. Don Shaw
11:00 a.m. Tom Lindahl
April 19 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Whitford
11:00 a.m. Nancy Mair
April 26 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Duewer
11:00 a.m. Lori Adrian

April Greeters Schedule

April 5 8:30 a.m. Jane Peoples
11:00 a.m. Roxanne Ford
April 12 8:30 a.m. Hank & Judy Bossenbroek
11:00 a.m. Mike & Nancy Mair
April 19 8:30 a.m. Dolores Hutcheson
11:00 a.m. Gile Family
April 26 8:30 a.m. Harlan & Donna Stephens
11:00 a.m. Harley Family

April Children's Message

April 5 Pastor Brenda
April 12 Camp Sunday!
April 19 Sara Koeller
April 26 Elizabeth Duewer

April Worship

April 5th

Easter Sunday
John 20:1-18
Communion at 8:30 & 11
6:30 Redeemer & Confirmation Class
8:30 Mallow Ringers
Anna Musarra, Trumpet
11:00 Blind Faith
Children Singing

April 12th

8:30 Platteville Chamber Choir
Performance
11:00 Camp Sunday!
Music TBA
Confirmation Lunch at Noon

April 19th

Confirmation Sunday
Ephesians 4:1-16
8:30 Mallow Ringers
11:00 Blind Faith
The students will be confirmed at the
11:00 service

April 26th

Healthy You sermon series begins
8:30 Special Music TBA
11:00 Blind Faith

April Coffee Hour Hosts

April 5 EASTER
April 12 Sunday School
April 19 OPEN
April 26 OPEN

APRIL 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Easter Sunday 6:30 am Sunrise Service 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	6 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group at Country Kit. 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val	7 1:30 pm LMMW	8 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 7:00 pm Redeemer	9 12:00 pm Barely Seniors 1:30 pm Small Group 3:45 pm School Bus Café	10 6:00 pm 4th & 5th grade Starter Youth Group	11
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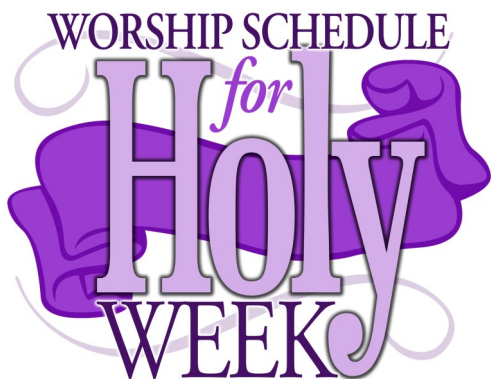
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Maundy Thursday, April 2

7:00 pm Service

Good Friday, April 3

12:00 pm Community Service

7:00 pm Service

Easter Sunday, April 5

6:30 am Sunrise Service

8:30 am Traditional Service

11:00 am Contemp. Service

